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NASA, TO BORIS PETROV, INTERKOSMOS.

2. FEBRUARY 14, 1978

ACADEMICIAN BORIS N. PETROV
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DEAR ACADEMICIAN PETROV:

SINCE MY LETTER OF JANUARY 26 INVITING SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NASA'S STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOL AND GAS EXPERIMENT (SAGE), IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE SAGE AD HOC GROUND TRUTH WORKING GROUP IN ISPRA, ITALY, ON MARCH 21 AND 22. IT MAY BE THE ONLY MEETING OF THE GROUP BEFORE THE LAUNCH OF NASA'S SAGE SATELLITE IN JANUARY 1979. SCIENTISTS FROM BELGIUM, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. NASA REPRESENTATIVES WILL GIVE PRESENTATIONS ON MANY ASPECTS OF SAGE, INCLUDING A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND STATUS OF THE HARDWARE AND ITS EXPECTED PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES, THE EXPERIMENT ALGORITHM AND DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE, EXPECTED CONSTITUENT PROFILE ACCURACIES FOR STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOLS, OZONE, AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE, A MISSION ANALYSIS OF DATA COVERAGE (I.E., LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF CONSTITUENT PROFILES FOR VARIOUS LAUNCH TIMES, ORBITAL PARAMETERS, ETC.), AND THE U.S.A. PORTION OF THE GROUND TRUTH ACTIVITIES.

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THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE JOINT RESEARCH CENTER OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. THE EXPENSES OF THE SCIENTISTS ATTENDING WILL BE MET BY THEIR NATIONAL SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.

I DO HOPE THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN SAGE WILL BE POSSIBLE AND THAT A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN NOVEMBER 1976 FORMER PRESIDENT PODGORNYY ASSURED THE THEN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, RUSSELL TRAIN, OF SOVIET INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION. IN HELPING DEFINE THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF SAGE GROUND TRUTH ACTIVITIES, THE ISPRA MEETING IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH A PROBLEM OF WORLDWIDE IMPLICATIONS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO A FAVORABLE REPLY.

SINCERELY,

ARNOLD W. FRUTKIN
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

NASA

FOR SCICOUN: YOU MAY INFORM VERESHCHETIN THAT NASA HAS NO
OBJECTION IF PETROV WISHES TO SUGGEST THAT NASA DEAL
DIRECTLY WITH HYDROMET IN ARRANGING SOVIET PARTICIPATION
IN SAGE. END FOR SCICOUN. VANCE

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